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## TYPHOON HITS OKINAWA

### Thirteen Americans Killed Or Missing

### Scores Of Ships

### Beached

OKINAWA, OCT. 12. A TERRIFIC STORM LASHED DESTRUCTIVELY AT OKINAWA LAST NIGHT TO WRECK INSTALLATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE AND LEAVE AT LEAST THREE NAVY MEN KILLED, 10 MISSING, AND FOUR JAPANESE PRISONERS DEAD.

INCOMPLETE PEARL HARBOR FLEET HEADQUARTERS REPORTS SAID 52 SHIPS AND 70 MISCELLANEOUS SMALLER CRAFT WERE HURLED UP ON THE BEACHES. TWO TUGS, A PATROL YACHT, A BARGE AND A MINE SWEEPER AND BUCKNER BAY INSTALLATIONS WERE DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY.

Four Japanese war prisoners were killed in the collapse of a frame building behind which they sought refuge.

The highest reported wind speed was at Yonabaru airfield where 132 miles an hour was recorded.

The storm struck directly over Buckner Bay but most American ships in the anchorage, warned of its approach, and sped to sea.

Hundreds of tents, camps, hospitals and quonset hut villages were ripped from their foundations.

Hospital wards were laid bare. Only night-long work by soldiers kept hospital patients suffering to a minimum.—Associated Press.

#### HONSHU HIT

Tokyo, Oct. 12. At least 69 were killed and thousands were left homeless by a typhoon that hit central and southern Honshu Island yesterday, according to preliminary reports.

Eight thousand homes are known to have been flooded and thousands of acres of land were inundated and suffered heavy damage from washing.

Communications lines were disrupted, making an accurate checkup in the devastated areas difficult. Many railway bridges and coaches were known to have been swept into the swirling waters.—Associated Press.

#### WEST CUT OFF

Pearl Harbour, Oct. 12. Incomplete reports at the United States Fleet Headquarters here said that three navy men were killed and ten were missing in the 132 miles per hour typhoon which struck Okinawa.

The reports refer to the area on the East coast, which had been unable to communicate with the Western side of the island. United States Army reports from Manila gave 100 casualties but no deaths as the result of this typhoon, but said that installations had been so thoroughly levelled that the evacuation of some forces was urgent.—Reuter.

## Home For Christmas?

LONDON, OCT. 12. THE MINISTER OF WAR, MR. JACK LAWSON, REPORTED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, BURMA, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND CEYLON.

He said that great disappointment was caused among the men when, owing to the collapse of Japan there was a sudden call on shipping to bring home prisoners of war and for the transport of the occupation troops, which made it impossible to give full effect to the reduction in the period of eligibility for repatriation after the defeat of Germany. Many, he said, had been waiting for weeks for ships to bring them home.

Everything possible would be done to remove this block and he hoped there would be a definite improvement soon. He paid tribute to the men's self-control and understanding, and also bearing which, he said, had increased his faith in the future of this country.—Reuter.

## British A.B.'s Gallantry

### In Typhoon

HOW A BRITISH SEAMAN WITH A ROPE LASHED TO HIS WAIST WENT INTO A TYPHOON SEA TO THE RESCUE OF AMERICAN SAILORS CLINGING TO AN OIL BARREL WAS RELATED TO THE "CHINA MAIL" YESTERDAY BY AN OFFICER OF THE BRITISH FLEET TANKER "WAVE KING."

THE STORY CAME UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE TYPHOON WHICH SWEEP OKINAWA ON THURSDAY AND IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND OF EXTREME VIOLENCE TO GIVE THE OKINAWA BASE A SHAKING-UP WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS.

"Wave King" was brought into Hong Kong under tow by H.M.C.S. Ontario and is now tied up at Davis Pier, North Point.

Her typhoon adventure occurred on September 19 when she was one of the few ships left in Okinawa Bay, most of the British and American naval craft having put to sea.

At about three o'clock in the afternoon, when the typhoon was at its height, and waves 80 feet high were sweeping the decks, members of the ship's company saw three men on a tiny raft being swept by. Casting guns were fired but the lines were hurled back on board by the hurricane.

By some freak of chance, however, their raft was swept into towards the ship's side, and Leading Signaller P. A. Fisher went down a rope ladder and brought them safely on board.

Ten minutes later, three more sailors were observed clinging to an oil barrel.

One man had a broken arm, another had severe head injuries, and the third, it can be said, was giving all his time to making sure of the relative safety of his comrades.

Although the seas were terrific, a seaman in "Wave King", Donald Leask, who hailed from the Shetland Isles, volunteered to go to the rescue, and with a rope round his waist, jumped in, fought his way to the oil barrel, and took off the man with the broken arm. Subsequently, the other two were got safely aboard.

THIRTEEN DROWNED They were survivors of an American minesweeper which had been swamped by the typhoon and had drifted across the reef. Thirteen men lost their lives.

Captain Humphrey, skipper of the "Wave King", set the injured man's arm, and next day when the gale had abated the survivors were put aboard an American battleship.

ADM. KOGA DIED IN FLIGHT Tokyo, Oct. 12. Japanese sources disclosed today that Admiral Mineichi Koga, former Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleet, was fleeing from American air raids on Palau when his airplane crashed on Cebu in the central Philippines. He was captured by Filipino guerrillas but later died.—Associated Press.

Dr. Evatt will lead the Australian delegation to the Far East Commission meeting in Washington on October 21.—Reuter.

## LONDON SWEATS: SNOW IN SCOTLAND

London, Oct. 12. Yesterday was the hottest Mid-October day in London for 50 years. The temperature rose to 72 degrees, 13 degrees higher than the previous day.

In the northern Isles of Scotland, however, snow fell during a severe storm which caused flooding in the lowlands.—Reuter.

## FRANCO DEFIANT

MADRID, OCT. 12. ROBERT MAWORTH, REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT IN MADRID TO-DAY REPORTED THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IN A NOTE ISSUED AT THE END OF A SERIES OF CABINET MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST SIX DAYS, CATEGORICALLY DECLARED THAT IT INTENDS TO PERSIST IN THE "IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL LINE" INITIATED AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CIVIL WAR.

It alleged the existence of a "vast international communist conspiracy" directed against "the very existence of the nation."

At the same time, the Government announced a number of bills, establishing the right of association and assembly, and a system of referendum for direct consultation of the people on questions of outstanding importance.

This is understood here to mean a kind of universal obligatory plebiscite, but no indication was given of how such a referendum would be conducted.

The Government also announced an amnesty for all prisoners sentenced to terms of over twenty years for purely political crimes committed before the end of the civil war.—Reuter.

## Big Tie-Up Of Shipping

LONDON, OCT. 12. THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA ARE ALSO FACING STRIKES THAT ARE HOLDING UP VITAL SUPPLIES AND SHIPPING.

About four hundred ships are idle in New York harbour to-day and thousands of tons of cargo are piling up on the docks through the strike of port workers.

A message from Sydney says that Adelaide is facing the worst coal famine in the history of the city. Already thirty thousand men are idle because of the restrictions on non-essential industries.

In Sydney, practically the city's whole industry will come to a standstill on Monday when the order prohibiting the use of electricity in factories and offices becomes operative. This is because the miners refuse to supply coal for the power houses where the maintenance workers are on strike.

There are strikes in the steel works and in the printing trade.—Reuter.

## SEVEN MILLION NAZI WAR LOSSES

London, Oct. 12. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the estimated total losses of the German armed forces in killed, permanently wounded and permanent medical casualties between September 1st, 1939 and May 10th, 1945, were 7,400,000.—Reuter.

## ANSWER TO ATOMIC BOMB

WASHINGTON, OCT. 12. THE HOUSE NAVY COMMITTEE REPORTED TO-DAY THAT "INDICATIONS ARE THAT AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER-MEASURE TO THE ATOMIC BOMB ALREADY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED."

The statement was based upon the testimony of high officers. It was not explained beyond the statement that "atomic bombs might be exploded 'far short of their objective without the necessity of locating their position.'"

Volunteers who are proceeding to Macao on leave are to parade at Headquarters at 8 a.m. to-day.

## The Remedy

London, Oct. 12. Questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day about the refusal of certain West End restaurants admit people not in evening dress.

The Ministerial reply deplored the mentality, but suggested that customers find the remedy in their own hands.—Reuter.

## NIGHTMARE JAVA JOURNEY

### Men Murdered On Train

BATAVIA, OCT. 12. NUMEROUS INCIDENTS BETWEEN INDONESIANS AND THE DUTCH MARRED THE PEACE OF YESTERDAY AT BATAVIA AND BANDOENG, AMONG OTHER PLACES IN JAVA.

FIGHTING HAS ALSO GOING ON, IT IS REPORTED HERE BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND INDONESIANS IN BANDOENG. IN BATAVIA, IT IS STATED, THAT A NUMBER OF EURASIANS AND DUTCH MEN HAVE UNACCOUNTABLY DISAPPEARED DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

A number of Indonesian police personnel have also been wounded while helping the allied authorities to maintain law and order.

The Allied Ministry Authorities have taken into custody eight Japanese officials, accused of committing "atrocities against prisoners-of-war and internees in Batavia. Among this number is the self-confessed war criminal the Kommandant (Japanese Gestapo) Chief of Buitenzorg.

Dutch sources report the presence in Sourabaya of several Japanese marines who possess false German passports and are living "underground".—Reuter.

BATAVIA SHOOTING Three civilian passengers were killed and three more injured on Wednesday when shots were fired at an Indonesian car along a cordoned road in the heart of Batavia in front of the building which the Dutch forces were occupying, according to a Batavia message received to-day.

The car was said to have ignored the signals to stop.—Reuter.

## MANY DISAPPEARANCES

LONDON, OCT. 12. "MOBS CONTROL SECTIONS OF THE BANDOENG-BATAVIA RAILWAY. CABLES 'THE TIMES' SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT FROM BATAVIA."

HE STATES THAT TWO DUTCHMEN, THREE INDONESIAN POLICE AND ONE CHINESE WERE MURDERED ON THE TRAIN WHICH LEFT BANDOENG ON OCTOBER 4TH. OTHER CHINESE PASSENGERS ON THE TRAIN WERE COVERED BY MACHINE-GUNS AND WERE FORCED TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE "INDONESIAN REPUBLIC."

An Australian photographer arriving at Batavia on October 9th from Sourabaya via Bandoeng reported a nightmare journey although in possession of a pass signed by Dr. Soekarno's "Home Minister."

At each station a gang of young men armed with spears and knives searched the train, making the passengers without passes descend.

Meanwhile, British and Dutch officials of the organisation for the recovery of prisoners of war to-day visited Dr. Soekarno (Head of the "Indonesian Republic") to protest on purely humanitarian grounds against the obstruction and difficulties with which the organisation is meeting from Nationalists throughout Java.

PROMISED AID "Dr. Soekarno has promised to give all assistance," says "The Times" correspondent. "Whether in fact he possesses the necessary control over the extremist groups should be-

come apparent during the next few days," adds the correspondent.

Meanwhile, Dr. H. J. Van Mock, Lieutenant-Governor General of The Netherlands East Indies, conferred with Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Commander in South-East Asia, last night, and a settlement is to be issued later.—Reuter.

Signs of a general uprising throughout Java where Indonesian Nationalists led by Doctor Soekarno are in complete control except for Batavia were authoritatively reported to-night.

The allies are already preparing for a possible revolt against Dutch rule.

More clashes have been reported between the Indonesians and the Japanese and the Dutch. Thirty Indonesians were killed and thirty-two more wounded in an incident with the Japanese at Pekalongan, Central Java, the Nationalist-controlled Bandoeng Radio reported to-day. The Japanese suffered seventeen casualties.—Reuter.

Wiesbaden, Oct. 12. The United States 7th Army Military Commission at Heidelberg to-day sentenced Wilhelm Dietermann to death by hanging for killing a defenceless American airman near Buchenau in Germany last October.

Another German accused with Dietermann was acquitted. Last Tuesday, the same commission sentenced Dominicus Thomas to hanging for a similar crime in September last. Both sentences will go to Headquarters to be reviewed.—Reuter.

DEPUTY ARRESTED Beirut, Oct. 12. A Lebanese Deputy named Kazoun, has been arrested by the British Military police. Kazoun was driving to his village late on Tuesday night after a meeting at the Chamber when a large party of British Military Police stopped his car and seized weapons and rifles. The Lebanese police were called in immediately and a search of the Deputy's house produced twenty more rifles.—Reuter.

Kazoun resisted the first search and was slightly wounded. He has been taken to the prison hospital.—Reuter.

FOR THIS RELIEF MUCH THANKS

TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

FOR THE ORDER WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED THROUGH THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE THAT WITH THE TERMINATION OF LOCAL CELEBRATIONS, THE PRACTICE OF LETTING OFF FIREWORKS BY SERVICE PERSONNEL IS TO CEASE FORTHWITH.

THE CIVIL POPULATION OF ALDERNEY ISLAND IS TO BE ALLOWED TO RETURN BY THE END OF THE YEAR. FEW OF THE HOUSES ARE HABITABLE, BUT THEY WILL BE PUT UP IN REquisitioned hotels.—Reuter.



## LATEST NOTICES

### REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 17.

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(FOR AUSTRALIA ONLY).

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Gnr. S. O. Borg, Mrs. T. Borg, Mr. L. G. J. Batten, Miss N. Dillon, Mrs. E. Chung, Mrs. I. I. Ching and family, Mr. W. G. Fitz Gibbon, Mr. S. G. Haynes, Mr. J. A. Kennard, Miss E. Leong, Miss L. Leo, Mrs. L. Lam, Miss P. Lam, Miss M. Matheson, Mr. H. V. Post, Mrs. S. A. Pike, Mr. & Mrs. M. Stan-ley, Mrs. U. Sing, Miss A. R. Sing, Mrs. E. Starobenko, Mr. V. L. Voriga, Mrs. V. Voriga, Mrs. M. T. Williams, Miss V. Williams, Mr. J. J. Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. H. Yuen and child.

Hongkong passengers assemble at Queen's Pier at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 14th October, and Kowloon passengers assemble at Hoi's Wharf at 11 a.m.

Passengers must not embark without first obtaining their embarkation card.

PASSENGERS WHO WERE LISTED FOR CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND U.S.A. ARE TO STAND BY FOR THE NEXT SHIP.

### REPATRIATION OFFICE

12th October, 1945.

### HONGKONG MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

In Re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.

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Inspection may be made on application to Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. Ltd., 1st Floor, between 9 and 10 a.m. each day except Sunday.

Bids, in sealed covers, should be left at the Acting Custodian's Office, Second floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Victoria, on or before noon 20th October, 1945.

A deposit of Dollars One Hundred must be made on deposit of each tender, which will be returned if tender is not accepted.

The Acting Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON,  
CONTROLLER OF  
GODOWNS,

Acting Custodian of Property.

Victoria, 13th October, 1945.

### NOTICE

Will Mrs. Edith Lewis BUTLIN kindly communicate with INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS EXCHANGE BUILDING (2nd FLOOR)

### NOTICE

All persons who can furnish any information as to the whereabouts of any property vested in the CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY on the 26th day of December, 1941, or of the records or any paper documents, etc., belonging or pertaining to the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, Supreme Court, are required to communicate with the undersigned.

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## THE CHARTER

Mr. Attlee is rapidly earning for himself a high reputation for plain speaking and lucidity. The Churchillian flair for words may not be there, but these are times, perhaps, when clear reasoning and the matter-of-fact approach without the overtones of oratory, are likely to contribute more usefully towards the forging of the instruments of peace. His speech at the meeting in London of the United Nations Association was typical. He made no attempt to present the Charter of the United Nations as the perfect answer to the world's ills. It is, however, the best that can be obtained at the moment, and, as Mr. Attlee said, "there is only one way of improving it and that is to use it to the full. That is how we shall learn to make it work, remove its imperfections and develop its great possibilities. The dread weapons of modern war, plus the complete redistribution of world power (which now virtually reposes in the Big Three, the British Empire, the United States and the Soviet Union) have given to the new United Nations organisation a universality to which the League of Nations aspired but never attained. As has been pointed out, the supreme test of its efficacy is as likely to come in Asia as in Europe, in the Pacific as in the Atlantic. Equally, the same dominating political fact deprives the smaller nations of the veto right that the unanimity rule of the League Covenant conferred on them. The irrefutable lesson of recent history proves that, save for altogether exceptional circumstances, they are inextricably involved in the fortunes of their larger neighbours and must, within the limit of their resources, play a co-operative part in the business of security. With these qualifications, the new Charter resembles less the League Covenant than it does the old Covenant of Europe. The legalistic aspect is conspicuously absent. The new Charter is frankly political and, therefore, more realistic. The weight of responsibility rests primarily on the Security Council, in which the authority of the principal nations will dominate, since they alone have the power of enforcement. The task of the Security Council is no longer to sit in judgment, but to take action before any threat to peace can seriously develop. Hence, Mr. Attlee's insistence that the Charter is Britain's first line of defence and that the success of the United Nations' Organisation must become the primary object of British foreign policy. It needs, however, to be emphasised further that success finally depends in a large measure on the possibility of establishing over the world a new order of justice, prosperity and well-being. Security is not to be envisaged in military terms alone.

## LEE-MAXWELL WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. Teresa's Church yesterday of Sergt. Albert Terrance Lee, H.K.V.D.C., and Miss Constance Zena Maxwell, daughter of Mrs. K. C. Maxwell.

Sergt. Lee ("Tinker") was in the Revenue Department when the war broke out and prior to that was on the staff of the "Hong Kong Telegraph". A more than useful fast-to-medium bowler, he was one of the leading cricketers at the University here some years ago and after that turned out for Cricketers' Club.

The duties of best man were discharged by Capt. D. Hunt and matron of honour was Mrs. Nick Jaffer. Pte. N. Jaffer, H.K.V.D.C., gave the bride away.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 240A, Prince Edward Road, residence of Mr. & Mrs. Lam, when a large number of friends gathered to offer their felicitations.

Sergt. and Mrs. Lee are expecting to leave for the United Kingdom in the near future on a repatriation ship.

# Thousand Nazis Tried In Poland

LONDON, OCT. 12. ATTORNEY-GENERAL GEORGE SAWICKI OF POLAND SAID TO-DAY THAT SPECIAL POLISH COURTS ALREADY HAVE TRIED APPROXIMATELY 1,000 GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS AND COLLABORATIONISTS AND CONVICTED ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THEM.

OF THOSE CONVICTED, HE SAID ABOUT 400 WERE EXECUTED AND THE OTHERS GIVEN SENTENCES RANGING FROM 10 YEARS TO LIFE. HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ABOUT 3,000 MORE CASES ARE BEING PREPARED FOR PROSECUTION.

In a voice choked with emotion and eyes brimming with tears, Sawicki described in broken English conditions at Majdanek, the German horror concentration camp from which he escaped in 1944 after nearly six years' imprisonment.

He said that hundreds of thousands of Russians, Poles and Czechs had been murdered in the camp's gas chambers and their bodies cremated in gigantic ovens which were kept blazing until Russian and Polish liberating armies were in sight of the camp.

Sawicki told of watching S.S. guards force Polish children into the chambers with bits of sugar and chocolate, and of seeing officials arranged special Sabbath executions for "the entertainment" of German women in the area.

"Among the German people who lived in Poland during the war," he exclaimed, "there was not one who was not guilty. They had no mercy! They had no mercy!" Associated Press.

## Old George Here Again

"Smile a little and cry a little, and what more can one say?" - A nod of the head, and an old man philosophically agreed to this riddle, and answered to the riddle of life.

It is George Bing, aged 57, and is by profession a dealer in tropical fish. His well-known little establishment, the Kowloon Aquarium, at 110, Nathan Road, is re-opening for business.

At first sight there is little remarkable about Old George. He has a weather-beaten complexion and an agreeable and engaging smile. It was always a good business asset and his clientele in the old days included everyone who was anyone in the local fish-fancying world.

Old George, however, has stories to tell. They do not come easily and have to be fished for. But he has seen life in its unexpected rises to fortune and in its falls to the depths of despair.

His losses - he will speak of them, but not on the bitter note. They include his son and daughter, nearing the thirties both of them, air raid victims, some of his near relations, lost at sea the victims of war, and a fishing fleet of four vessels, lost to the greed of Japan.

## HAPPY HUNTING

Old George always had enterprise. Who, outside of the world's navies and a few geographers, ever heard of the Pratras? They are 188 miles S.E. of Hong Kong. They do not rise at any spot more than six or seven feet above sea level except for one hill of 80 feet.

But the Pratras are good hunting-ground for tortoise-shell. George worked them for all these years, built a fleet of four diesel-engined fishing junks on the search for sea-turtles, the Nips being iodine-conscious, and had a whole of an argument with them before a bottling consideration for the point that discretion was the better part of valor led to his abandoning his installation and three of his boats and making his remaining vessel, and 80 h.p. diesel-engined fishing-junk, the "Nam Yi."

## LONG MEMORIES

The Japanese have long memories. Fortunately, however, those Old George was when the Japanese occupied Kowloon did not remember him from the Pratras. However, they liked his fish.

They brought a bag of rice, 100 catties, and took what they wanted. These included George's particular prizes, fifty good angel fish and ten good archers. These were specially bought for Japanese aquaria. To-day, George says, he would find buyers to pay more than \$50 a pair.

They are irreplaceable locally until Java and Singapore shipping has returned to a pre-war normal.

"Well," George said, "I still have something left. I had to close down after a few months of the occupation and have been out of the business for three years. But it amazes me the number of fish-lovers there are in Hong Kong and they keep calling all the time."

## T.V. IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Oct. 12. Mr. T. V. Soong, Chinese Prime Minister, who is at present on a visit to Shanghai, is understood here to have gone there for financial talks with foreign interests.

## 5,000 Obtain Needs

The Australian Red Cross Organisation in Hong Kong recently received and issued 55 tons of light diet foodstuffs to the Hospitals and those in need of invalid foods.

In all, the A.R.C. have so far provided 5000 people in Hong Kong with immediate necessities.

Shanghai internees now arriving in the Colony on their way to their homes have also received invaluable aid from the Shanghai branch of the Australian Red Cross.

Those going to England will receive winter clothing at one of the ports in the Middle East - probably Colombo or Port Said.

## REORGANISATION OF H.K. SCOUTING

The Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., is due in the Colony from Canton within the next few days and will spend about a fortnight here. He will devote most of the time to the reorganisation of the Boy Scouts movement.

It will be remembered that the Rev. Halward, who was for many years in the Colony, took up work in Canton just before the outbreak of the war with Japan. He was, in point of fact, a passenger on the last river boat to leave for Canton prior to the start of hostilities.

## CEYLON DISCUSSES CONSTITUTION

COLOMBO, OCT. 12. THE CEYLON BOARD OF MINISTERS MEETING TO-DAY HEARD MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE'S (LEADER OF THE STATE COUNCIL) ACCOUNT OF HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES IN LONDON, ON WHICH A CONFIDENTIAL NOTE HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AMONG THE MINISTERS.

AFTER CONSIDERING THE SOULSBURY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF MR. SENANAYAKE'S DISCUSSIONS, THE BOARD DECIDED TO AWAIT THE FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE MINISTERS AT AN EARLY DATE, BEFORE EXPRESSING AN OPINION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FOR CEYLON.

## PETTER CAUGHT

Walsbaden, Oct. 12. The United States army has captured the leader of the Hitler Youth movement, Dr. Kurt Petter, and is holding him as a possible war criminal. - Associated Press.

## BIRMINGHAM APPROVES

BIRMINGHAM, OCT. 12. THE SOULSBURY COMMISSION REPORT IS LIBERAL IN TONE AND WILL SERVE TO DISARM CRITICS WHO HAVE PRESUMED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNWILLING TO GRANT FAR-REACHING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, SAYS THE CONSERVATIVE "BIRMINGHAM POST" IN AN EDITORIAL TO-DAY.

The "Post" adds: "Until political parties rather than racial communities provide divisions in the 'House,' problems of adapting a European constitution to East-ern use will remain. But the Commission has been careful to meet general objections to its proposal to transplant the constitution by wise provisions in detail."

"Granted that these measures are as effective in practice as they appear on paper, and granted continued unanimity in Ceylon, this report may well be the basis of a successful settlement, where a previous and more complex scheme has failed," the Post concluded. - Reuter.

## PERSIA ACCUSED

Moscow, Oct. 12. The newspaper, "Izvestia," the labour organ of the Soviet trade unions, in an article to-day, alleging persecution of trade unions and other democratic elements in Persia, said:

"The reactionary Government of Persia does not stop at anything to try to slow down the movement of the wide masses of the Persian people towards freedom and democracy. Although the war is ended, martial law and even a state of siege are being maintained in a number of regions to facilitate the repression of trade unions and others." - Reuter.

Going on his rounds last evening, a Chinese detective found 55 rounds of .32 ammunition and a couple of revolvers, in a cardboard box in Tang Chai Shing's room at the Hotel Victoria, Kowloon, shortly after 11 p.m.

## VIVID BUT IS IT ART?

London, Oct. 12. The art critic of the Weekly "Spectator," Michael Ayrton, reviewing the current art exhibition in London said the array of paintings is "full of gay, crude vitality, but lacks a single exhibit of international ranking."

"The paintings are full of undigested influences and naive energy," he wrote, "but none of them have art." - Associated Press.

## Shidehara Given His Instructive

Tokyo, Oct. 12. General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, to-day told the Japanese Prime Minister, Baron Shidehara, when the latter called on him at the Allied Headquarters, that the Japanese Government must feed and clothe the Japanese people in order to prevent pestilence, disease or other major social catastrophe.

"The coming winter will be critical and the only way to meet its difficulties is by the full employment of every one in useful work," he said.

General MacArthur also told the Japanese Premier to replace the old regime of "Inquisition rule" by a system of justice, designed to afford the people protection against arbitrary and unjust methods, and also demanded democratisation of the Japanese economic institutions and a revision of the monopoly control.

The meet the cost of occupation - payment of allied troops and other army expenses for the next three months, the Japanese Government has set aside three thousand million Yen for this purpose. - Reuter.

## Soon To Be Wife In Deed

Mrs. Davis Elliott, a proxy bride of four months, will sail from New York to-day (Saturday) aboard the "Cassiopeia" for India, where she will join her husband, who is an Indian Civil servant in Lahore.

At Greenville, South Carolina, last June she signed a marital agreement to become "the wife by deed" of Davis Elliott - a form of marriage, recognised only in that State.

The couple will repeat their vows in a religious ceremony in India. - Reuter.

## JAPS WARNED

Tokyo, Oct. 12. Leaders of the seven Japanese Prefectures were warned yesterday that their failure to make vigorous use of the means provided by the Allied Command to revive Japanese civil economy would result in "unnecessary suffering and cold among the Japanese people this winter." - Reuter.

## NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that I have authorized BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS to continue to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs until further notice.

W. M. THOMSON,

Colonel,

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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## CAIRO TOYS WITH IDEA

CAIRO, OCT. 12. THE EGYPTIAN SENATE IS TO-DAY DEBATING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. While the decision to ratify the Charter was easily approved by 161 to 11 votes in the Chamber of Deputies last night, it is anticipated that the Senate's approval will not be so easily obtained.

Should the Senate, which includes a number of Wafdists, reject the Charter, Egypt will not adhere to the new World Organisation.

Most opposition in the Chamber of Deputies came from the Nationalists who contended that as long as Egypt was not completely independent, the Government should not take part in international agreements since the country would be "a toy in the hands of foreign powers." - Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S BUDGET

London, Oct. 12. It was announced in the House of Commons that Britain's Budget Day will be October 22nd. - Reuter.



# DOCK STRIKE STILL SPREADS

LONDON, Oct. 12. DEFYING THE CALL "TO WORK" BY THE LABOUR MINISTER, MR. GEORGE ISAACS, AND THE APPEALS FROM THE TRADE UNION, MORE THAN THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOCKERS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND WHO ARE STILL ON STRIKE WERE JOINED TO-DAY BY A FURTHER FIFTEEN HUNDRED STRIKERS FROM FIVE LONDON WHARVES. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OF MEN OUT IN THE LONDON AREA TO ABOUT SIX THOUSAND AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER DOCKERS ON THE UN-AFFECTED WHARVES WILL COME OUT LATER.

More London ships' clerks — key men because they are responsible for the checking of cargoes in and out and their stopping of work means an immediate standstill in the docks — struck to-day and the delegates are appealing to all 650 clerks to stop work.

Fifty thousand tons of food are now estimated to be held up in the holds and quays by the London stoppage.

## DOCKERS' DEMANDS

So far, there is no hint of a settlement of the nation-wide strike, the basic cause of which is the dockers' demand for an eight-shilling day wage increase to twenty-five shillings and a forty-hour week, but a deputation of dockers from the West India Docks in London saw the National Secretary of the Dockers' Section of Transport and General Workers' Union, J. Donovan, who assured them that the date for resumed wage negotiations would be October 18. The S.A.D. Docks National Delegate Conference has been called for October 23 to hear the report on the negotiations.

Strikers at the London Docks — King George V. Albert and Victoria — to-day resolved to ask the Minister of Labour to intervene although Mr. Isaacs said that government would take no action until the men return to work. The strike in holding up not only the unloading of vital foodstuff but also the export of goods abroad.

## TROOPS UNLOADING

Trainloads of troops to-day moved to the ports to discharge vital cargoes of oranges, butter, bacon, lard, cheese and eggs.

## Names That Will Live

Speed of production and commission of United States Navy ships is illustrated by the fact that the destroyer escort vessels in this area have been named after American heroes of the Pacific war.

For example, U.S.S. Marion W. Duffin (D.E. 423), with Lieut. Comdr. Albert H. Niemi in command, and now lying in Hong Kong harbour, was named after Squadron Leader Marion W. Duffin, who was shot down in the Solomon campaign of 1943 after having been a shining example to all personnel of the United States Air Force.

U.S.S. Marion W. Duffin was christened by the widow of the air ace and was commissioned on July 21, 1944.

Other vessels of Escort Division 77 are U.S.S. Formoe (D.E. 509), named after Frank Formoe, a machinist made 1st class, who met his death at Pearl Harbour, and U.S.S. Munroe (D.E. 422), Harris (471) and Haas (D.E. 424). The Division Commander is Capt. Harrison G. White, U.S.N.R.

## NEWSPRINT HOPE DEFERRED

Moscow, Oct. 12. Foreign commercial sources said to-day Russia would have no surplus of newsprint for export to India or elsewhere for some time. Russian timber is needed badly for housing and general construction in war-devastated areas. Russian newspapers still are being published in reduced wartime size. — Associated Press.

## COTTON PRICES

New York, Oct. 12. Cotton futures drifted lower on light headline and local selling which encountered only trade support on Thursday. Traders were hesitant pending further developments on a congressional bill designed to boost farm prices and clarification of the textile wage and ceiling situation. The New York stock market was generally lower and moderately active. — Associated Press.

Bucharest, Oct. 12. The third transport of Soviet wheat and maize for Rumania has reached the port of Braila. The cargo was shipped in accordance with the recent Soviet-Rumanian Trade Agreement.

One thousand railway truckloads of Soviet wheat arrived at Jassy for distribution in Moldavia. — Reuter.

Letters for the following await collection at Volunteer H.Q.:—Capt. C. Blaker, Jorje A. Rombold, J. P. Barron, Lt. Col. N. C. Barretto, Gnr. L. J. Benach, R. L. Barnes, Gnr. V. Newes, G. E. L. Johnson, Gnr. Y. S. Cheung, M. J. Hawkins, Dr. Hanna, R. P. Dunlop and Rhaphae Chuan X.

# Twenty Dead: Two Blind

SINGAPORE, Oct. 12. POISON LIQUOR HAS NOW CAUSED THE DEATH HERE OF TWENTY SERVICEMEN, LEFT NINE DANGEROUSLY ILL AND BLINDED TWO. Since midnight last night no further cases have been reported and the Medical Authorities here hope that prompt action has had immediate effect.

To-day every military post and street corner carries large posters: "Death. Poison found in Singapore liquor. More men died to-day."

The sale of liquor to servicemen has been declared illegal and imprisonment has been made the penalty for infringement. — Reuter. ENOUGH TO POISON ARMY

An army officer dramatically interrupted a cinema show here last night to announce to the house, full of troops, that more deaths from wood alcohol poisoning were expected during the night.

"To-day we raided 150 places and captured enough liquor to poison the 14th Army," he said. — Reuter.

The British authorities have closed distilleries and confiscated 6,000 gallons of liquor. Authorities said that some types of liquor and brandy were found to contain lead. Later investigations disclosed the presence of poisonous methyl alcohol or wood spirits. Some samples analyzed contain 80 per cent of methyl alcohol.

Meanwhile, the military authorities have utilized both press and radio to warn servicemen of the danger while police made numerous raids in an attempt to get to the source. — Associated Press.

# Australian Project

MELBOURNE, Oct. 12. FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS COSTING SEVEN MILLION POUNDS FOR EXPANSION OF THE AUSTRALIAN STEEL INDUSTRY ARE NOW UNDERWAY.

The "Melbourne Herald" said the projects would swell the steel supply for great reconstruction works planned in the nation. The projects include construction of an extraction plant, a deep seaport at Yampi Sound in New South Wales and steel furnaces at Port Kembla, the projected development and mechanization of the collieries in New South Wales to increase supplies to the steel works, and driving of a tunnel two and a half miles long into the side of a coal-bearing mountain at Bulli.

Australian-made machinery will be used and returned servicemen will constitute a big part of the labour force. — Associated Press.

Brussels, Oct. 12. General de Gaulle, head of the French Government, left here for Paris to-day in the Belgian Royal train. — Reuter.

# Huge Scale Of UNRRA's Spending

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. PRESIDENT TRUMAN TOLD CONGRESS THURSDAY THAT ONLY \$20,000,000 OF THE UNITED STATES' \$800,000,000 APPROPRIATION FOR UNITED NATIONS RELIEF REMAINED UNCOMMITTED ON AUGUST 31.

HE TRANSMITTED THE FOURTH REPORT ON AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN UNRRA (UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION) AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BEGAN CLOSED HEARINGS ON HIS REQUEST FOR ANOTHER \$500,000,000 TO MEET "ACUTE NEED AND PRIVATION" IN EUROPE THIS WINTER.

"Life abroad in the coming winter," the president said, in his statement, "will depend upon the outside assistance which this country and other countries can provide for the liberated peoples."

Asserting that UNRRA "has made a substantial beginning in the immediate task," despite world deficits of critical supplies and shipping, President Truman added:

"The more this task can be speeded up through early delivery of needed supplies, the sooner it will be possible for UNRRA to withdraw, leaving the liberated peoples on a high footing to carry on their own life."

HUGE SUMS The president's report showed that on September 15, all 44 nations participating had pledged U.S. \$1,882,759,991 to UNRRA. Of this, U.S. \$1,288,750,154 has been paid in or is "available on request" toward operating expenses while U.S. \$15,415,834 have been contributed for administrative purposes.

Great Britain's total pledge of U.S. \$322,400,000 is paid. The Indian Immigration Bill will reach the Senate Immigration Committee to-morrow and will be referred immediately to the State and Immigration Departments. After reviewing the legislation passed yesterday by the House, these departments will prepare reports and return them to the Senate Committee. — Reuter.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road).—Sunday, October 14, Trinity XX: Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Matins & Sermon 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong; Evensong & Sermon 6.30 p.m.; Preacher: The Rev. W. T. Boyd, Staff Chaplain, R. A. F.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND and FREE CHURCH.—Sunday, October 14.—At ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Garden Road. Morning Service 10 a.m.; Evening Service; Preacher: Rev. T. A. Broadfoot, D.D., Canada. 5 p.m. Holy Communion, 5.45 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON.—Sunday, October 14.—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Parade Service: Rev. J. Armstrong, K.N. 10 a.m.; Choral Service followed by Holy Communion. Preacher: Rev. J. Armstrong, R.N. 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, 6.30 p.m. Too H. Services Club open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Hong Kong. (A branch of THE MOTHER CHURCH, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Boston, Mass.)—Sunday, October 14.—Services: 11 a.m. St. George's Bldg. (1st floor), Chater Road. The subject of the Lesson: Sermon in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, October 14th, is "Are Sin Disease and Death Real?" The Golden Text is: "Look upon Zion, the City of our solemnities: The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." (Isaiah 33: 20, 24). Christian Science literature can be obtained on loan after the service. All are welcome.

THURSDAY MEETING  
A Fellowship Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, October 12th, at 6.30 p.m.

All those interested are welcome.

## REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 16

All persons registered for early repatriation should continue to stand by.  
As accommodation becomes available the names of those for embarkation and details of vessels and times of sailing will be published in the Press.

Accommodation is uncertain, but it is hoped that those whose names have appeared in the Press may be able to leave.

REPATRIATION OFFICE.

11th October, 1945.

## H. K. V. D. C.

REPATRIATION NOTICE

It is hoped that all those registered to proceed to Australia will leave on Sunday. Further details will be given later.

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NO. 8 OF 1945

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Article 19 (1) of the above Proclamation I, GEORGE E. STRICKLAND, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Legal Branch, have authorized the persons whose names appear hereafter to act as Advocates and conduct the defences of persons charged before the Standing Military Court, namely:—

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12. Hon Chee Lee
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A meeting of members of the Sports Club will be held at the Club premises at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th October, 1945.

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# French Land Airborne Troops In Cambodia

## AMERICANS EVACUATING PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. — THE EVACUATION OF ALL AMERICAN TROOPS FROM PALESTINE WILL START TOMORROW MORNING, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RECEIVED HERE TO-DAY FROM THE AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO.

Palestine, therefore, becomes out of bounds to all United States soldiers on leave while the complete evacuation of the remaining soldiers will be carried out until Monday.

Indications that security measures are being tightened up came to-day with the mounting of new identity checking points along the highways between Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Coastal Road.

A meeting of the military and police commanders is reported to have taken place in Jerusalem early to-day to consider steps to be taken if the situation worsens.

—Reuter.

## MacArthur's Programme

Tokyo, Oct. 12. — The Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Army announced that General MacArthur expects to have only four divisions of sixty thousand men in Japan Proper by March 1946.

General MacArthur had previously stated that two hundred thousand men would be required within six months to start the occupation caused astonishment in official quarters in the United States and Britain.

General George Marshall, the United States Army Chief of Staff, told Congress on September 20th that 450,000 men would be needed for the occupation of Japan and Korea, but official confirmation was received of MacArthur's estimate. —Reuter.

## TANGIER RESTORED

PARIS, OCT. 12. — THE ALLIED POWERS TAKING PART IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF TANGIER TO-DAY OFFICIALLY ENDED THE VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS COMMITTEE BY GENERAL FRANCO.

The Spanish Government has completed the withdrawal of its troops.

The French cruisers "Dugay" and "Toussaint" arrived at Tangier to-day with a representative of the Sultan of Morocco and a corps of Moroccan troops led by French officers on board.

The Moroccans will constitute the police of the International Zone.

These developments are the direct outcome of the four-power Conference held in Paris at the beginning of August at which France, Britain, the United States and Russia agreed on the procedure to be adopted to re-establish the pre-war position at Tangier. —Reuter.

## PERON FLIGHT REPORTED

Buenos Aires, Oct. 12. — Colonel Juan Domingo Peron, late Vice-President of Argentina, is reported to have escaped by plane to Southern Argentina though this, so far, has not yet been confirmed.

It was officially announced here that the Argentine elections have been fixed for April 7th, 1946.

In an official communique, guarantees were given that the elections would be free and unfettered.

Montevideo, Oct. 12. — President Farrell, of Argentina, according to reports received here, intends to reject the ultimatum which was sent to him, and proposes the formation of a new cabinet of national reconciliation.

The Foreign Minister, Doctor Juan Cooke and two other Ministers have resigned, the reports say. —Reuter.

## A Secretary General!!

LONDON, OCT. 12. — GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER MAY BE THE FIRST SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SUGGESTS THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT TO-DAY.

General Eisenhower's name, he says, will in all probability appear prominently in the list of candidates for the post, which will be submitted to the Security Council of the United Nations after the Council has been elected by the first meeting of the General Assembly in London early in December. —Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 12. — Coal shipments to Europe will drop off badly within the next three or four days, due to strikes of the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, told the press to-day. —Reuter.

SAIGON, OCT. 11 (DELAYED). — THE FIRST MOVEMENT OF AIRBORNE FRENCH FORCES INLAND IN INDO-CHINA BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY IN JAPANESE PLANES, WHICH WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

THE DEPLOYMENT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN MADE SUPPOSED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CAMBODIAN PROTECTORATE GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANNAMITES REPORTED TO BE MASSING AROUND THE FORMER JAPANESE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

The movements were scheduled to continue another day and were carried out to reinforce a British signals detachment and a Gurkha platoon, which were flown on October 9 to the air-base which is about 100 miles to the west of Saigon. An official landing was made there by two Dutch officers after the Japanese surrender.

## Erroneous Assumption

London, Oct. 12. — Replying to "The Times" leading article yesterday on Iran, in which the suggestion was made that Iranians desire to play off one occupying power (Great Britain) against another (Soviet Russia), the Iranian Press Attaché in London writes to-day:

"Since the Napoleonic days, when Anglo-Russian interests in Iran frequently clashed, the British have been obsessed with the idea that Iranians play them off against the Russians, and vice versa.

"This suspicion is based on slender proofs. It is founded mainly on the erroneous assumption that Iranians consider Anglo-Russian animosity, as the prerequisite of Iranian security.

"The majority of Iranians, however, do not think along these lines. Iran has been for far too long one of the scenes of Anglo-Russian rivalry in the East. It is common knowledge that she suffered considerably in the last 120 years from foreign competition for political influence. Surely, Iranians would wish to see an end to this rivalry. If this illusory rivalry between Iran's two great neighbours were to be aggravated, Iran would not escape unscathed." —Reuter.

## Those Awful Men Again

London, Oct. 12. — In the House of Commons to-day, Captain Marples, Conservative, asked whether the statement of British Government obligation towards the French and the Dutch Governments "regarding the Indo-Chinese and Indonesian puppet governments recently made by the Secretary of State for War," was preceded by consultations with the French and the Dutch and represented the policy of the British Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, replied: "If Captain Marples had in mind the recent press reports regarding the statement alleged to have been made by the Secretary of War, I can assure him that the Minister made no such statement as was attributed to him." —Reuter.

## TWICE IN A DAY

London, Oct. 12. — Asked in the House of Commons how he could reconcile his statement in the House that measures already taken by British Commanders in the Far East showed there was no need for any special instructions to them to impress upon the Japanese the fact of their defeat, with the constant press reports that the Allied Commanders had liberated Japanese troops to administer certain liberated territories which they did with arrogance, Mr. Attlee, the Prime Minister, replied:

"I cannot reconcile my reply with the press reports. Rather it should be the other way around." —Reuter.

## CHINA MONEY MARKET

Chungking, Oct. 12. — The American Dollar was unofficially quoted at 1,250 Chinese National Dollars, the lowest rate for the day being 1,150 Chinese National Dollars per American Dollar.

Gold Bars opened at 88,400 Chinese National Dollars at the unofficial market, closing at 89,200, the highest price for the day being 89,500 Chinese National Dollars. —Reuter.

## FIRING SQUAD

Paris, Oct. 12. — Jean Herold Paquet, who broadcast from the Paris Radio during the German occupation and who always said: "England, like China, will be destroyed," was shot by a firing squad at Fort de Châtillon.

He was sentenced to death for treason and his appeal was rejected on Wednesday. —Reuter.

The Cambodians are considered to be anti-Annamite, but not exactly pro-French in this land of turmoil.

This is a fairly besieged capital city where peace prevails at least temporarily while a reaction to the arrival of French forces is awaited.

The city still remains quiet under the truce established on October 8 when Maj. Gen. D. D. Gracey took action for at least temporary peace while the British forces accomplish the primary aim of disarming some 80,000 Japanese.

The British plan later to retire with their own prisoners of war and leave the French with their own dilemma. It appears obvious that the British want no part in the post-war settlement of Indo-China problems.

The British forces number almost a complete division—mainly the 20th Indian—and will be augmented shortly along with token French forces. —Associated Press.

SAIGON, OCT. 12. — A new contingent of British reinforcements arrived in Saigon yesterday while the French were landing reinforcements from the battleship "Richelieu" which had just arrived. —Reuter.

GRACEY'S WARNING — Major-General Gracey has warned the Annamites in Saigon that, as they have broken the truce, they must suffer the consequences if there occurs any collision with the occupying forces. —Reuter.

## Palestine Nearing Boiling Point

JERUSALEM, OCT. 12. — THE TROUBLED SITUATION IN PALESTINE IS BECOMING WORSE. TO-DAY 24 HOURS AFTER A BRITISH CONSTABLE AND A JEWISH GIRL WERE KILLED IN A JEWISH CAMP BREAK-OUT ATTEMPT NEAR HAIFA, AN ARMY TRAINING DEPOT AT REHOVOTH, NEAR THE BIG JEWISH CITY OF TEL-AVIV, WAS RAIDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF ARMED JEWS.

THE RAIDERS OVER-POWERED THE GUARDS AND STOLE 200 RIFLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND REMOVED THEM IN STOLEN MILITARY TRANSPORT.

Meanwhile, attempts by Jews to cross into Palestine illegally continue. Reports from Damascus state that frontier guards have arrested four Jews attempting to cross the border into Palestine.

Damascus University and high school students are meeting to-day to discuss the Palestine question.

Most of the Syrian newspapers are calling on the Arab League to organise a boycott of Jewish goods in all Arab countries.

LONDON MEETING — In London, the problem of Palestine is to be considered at once by the Imperial Affairs Committee. Colonel Oliver Stanley, former Colonial Secretary, it is reported, will be the new Chairman of the Committee.

On October 18th, Squadron Leader Donner (Conservative) will ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons whether, in view of the unrest and tension in the Holy Land, he will make a statement to terminate the present uncertainty. —Reuter.

London, Oct. 12. — A report from Haifa states that after a trial lasting three weeks, eighteen Jewish youths and two girls, charged with illegal possession of arms, ammunition and explosives, were yesterday all found guilty. The trial by a Military Court opened in the Stella Maria Convent in the hills above Haifa on September 18th. —Reuter.

Jerusalem, Oct. 12. — The High Commissioner for Palestine, Lord Gort, to-day summoned to Government for talks, the acting Chairman of the Jewish Executive, Eliezer Kaplan, acting head of the Jewish Agency Political Department, Dr. Bernard Joseph, and the President of the National Council of Palestine Jews, Isaac Ben-Zvi. —Reuter.

JAP DIET TO MEET — Tokyo, Oct. 12. — Baron Shidehara is calling a session of the Diet in December. It will probably be dissolved before the end of the month, prior to the elections.

Domei says the Emperor is encouraging constitutional reforms. —Reuter.

## HIS ALIBI

Lüneburg, Oct. 12. — Franz Hosselot, one of the Hitler guards, described himself to the Court here to-day as a "saviour" and said that he had saved hundreds of Jews by falsifying records. —Reuter.

## SECRET PACT WITH HUNGARY

LONDON, OCT. 12. — ASSOCIATED PRESS RECORDS SHOWED TO-DAY THAT ALTHOUGH AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS FREQUENTLY WERE OVER HUNGARY IN 1942 AND 1943, THEY DID NOT DROP ANY BOMBS UNTIL MARCH 10, 1944, WHEN THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF HUNGARY COMMENCED.

The British Air Ministry said that Budapest was never raided by British planes based in Britain, although bombers on several occasions ranged over adjacent areas.

The first air raid on the Hungarian capital occurred on September 5, 1942.

The same day, the Hungarian government pointedly emphasized that the planes came direct from Russia.

However, on March 10, 1944, when the Germans entered the country, approximately 250 Anglo-American bombers raided Hungarian cities and 14 United States Flying Fortress and Liberator bombers from Italy were reported downed in the Budapest vicinity. —Associated Press.

LONDON, OCT. 12. — EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH REPORTED TO-DAY THE EXISTENCE OF A SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND HUNGARY DURING THE WAR WHEREBY FREEDOM OF THE AIR OVER THE COUNTRY AND REFUGEE IF FORCED DOWN.

The agreement was kept until German expansion of German forces made it no longer possible. —Associated Press.

## Palestine Raid Furore

LONDON, OCT. 12. — THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. GEORGE HALL, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THURSDAY THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PALESTINE WAS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO PREVENT REBELLION OF THE ARMED JEWISH RAID ON THE ATHLITH CLEARANCE CAMP FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Answering numerous inquiries about the Holy Land situation, Mr. Hall said the raiding forces were armed with rifles, pistols and daggers, and "some of them wore police uniforms." Hall reported four temporary constables were "killed, beaten with rifle butts, bound and gagged."

He said the conduct of the police is one of the numerous angles under investigation.

Mr. Hall asserted: "We are attempting in every possible way to prevent outbreaks such as this, whether initiated by Jew or Arab." —Reuter.

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# URGES BRITAIN TO PUSH DECISION

LONDON, OCT. 12. — THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS, MR. JOSHI, WHO IS NOW IN LONDON ON HIS WAY TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE CONFERENCE IN PARIS STATED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIANS AS TO THE FORM AND COMPOSITION OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

MR. JOSHI SAID HE HAD PUT THIS VIEW TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. ATTLEE, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. BEVIN, THE SECRETARY FOR INDIA, LORD PETHICK LAWRENCE, AND THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA, MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, AND THEY ALL RECOGNISED THE DANGERS OF DELAY.

He also told them that he felt that in a big country like India, to expect agreement amongst all was to expect too much. He would like a complete agreement because the future would be easier and they would not have to depend upon the good-will or help of the British Government.

"I do not expect there will be any agreement," he said, "but we shall not be justified hereafter in spending any more time making efforts at agreement. Similarly, the British Government will not be justified in denying or delaying freedom to India on the ground that there is no agreement."

QUOTES IRELAND — Mr. Joshi quoted the case of Ireland where he said there was freedom for minority and majority adding: "Ireland may not like two governments. We may not like India to be divided but if the only alternative to getting freedom for the whole of India is to divide, we have to accept freedom with divided India. The British Government should not wait too long but should take their own decision."

"If the Indian representatives do not come to agreement the British Government should decide on the form of Central Government with as much as the agreement as they can get. I am not prepared to delay the establishment on the ground that adult suffrage which I would like to see cannot be brought about immediately. In my opinion delay is very dangerous. Feelings between the different parties in India are becoming very strained."

ADVICE TO BRITAIN — His advice to the British Government was to proceed with the work of Constituent Assembly, irrespective of the attitude of the different parties in India. Decision by a third party in a strong position like the British Government, where other parties could not agree, would be in the way of an award and because the parties could not agree they must accept the award.

Refusing to forecast the result of the forthcoming Indian elections, Mr. Joshi confined himself to saying that the Moslem League would probably gain strength adding: "You know what my name means. Joshi can be translated astrologer. By ancestry I am Joshi, but I refuse to try to tell fortunes."

He said his policy was not to recognise untouchability either in Congress or on social measures. He would cooperate with every political party in matters where cooperation was possible. He estimated there would be two to three million unemployed among organised labour in India but it was impossible to estimate how much.

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## RADIO

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ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 690 Kilocycles and from 12.30—1.30 p.m., 6.30—7.30 p.m., and 9.00—10.30 p.m. on 0.47 Megacycles.

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12.30 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

1.30 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

2.00 p.m.—Gloss Doyu.

6.30 p.m.—Dania & Charles Trench in a Light French Programme.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—"Martina"—Opera by Vincent Wallace.

7.30 p.m.—Violin Solos by Kreutzer.

8.05 p.m.—Mozart, Sinfonia Concertante in B Flat Major.

8.35 p.m.—Albert Sandier's Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—"Sea Rescue Off Okinawa"—Talk by Lt. Satow, R.N. from the Studio.

9.25 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—Interlude.

10.15 p.m.—Homeward Bound (London).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## Australia Wants Rugby

MANCHESTER, OCT. 12. — THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DR. H. V. EYRE, TOLD THE RUGBY LEAGUE COUNCIL HERE TO-DAY THAT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MOTHER COUNTRY AND AUSTRALIA WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING OR LOSING MATCHES, WHEN HE MADE A PLEA FOR A TEAM TO BE SENT TO AUSTRALIA NEXT YEAR.

He urged the Council to send a side not worrying about its strength, for the Australians also would not be up to their usual standard.

In any case, England had held the League "Ashes" for twenty five years and it was time that Australia got them.

Dr. Eyre realised that transportation and the release of Service players were vital questions but thought that they could be overcome.

A meeting of the Council will be called soon to consider the matter. In the meantime, Clubs have been asked to express their views. —Reuter.

## FIGHT FOR LESNEVICH

London, Oct. 12. — The British heavy-weight champion, Bruce Woodcock, is to be invited to the United States to meet the world cruiser-weight champion, Gus Lesnevich, in a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden in December or early in January.

Lesnevich, who was discharged from the United States Coast Guard yesterday after nearly four years of service, has lost only six of his 68 fights. He won the title in 1941 by beating Maurili.

Lesnevich is keen on fighting either Joe Louis, world champion, or Billy Conn again. "I have never made much money out of this," he stated. "I am going to defend it in the next six months as the Boxing Commission wants me to do. After that I am after the big fellows." —Reuter.

## Test Cricket

London, Oct. 12. — The invitation of the Australian Cricket Board of Control for an England team to visit Australia next season is likely to be considered by the M.C.C. next Thursday, when they will hold a meeting on the subject of tours.

Sydney, Oct. 12. — The Australian Cricket Board of Control announced to-day that they are sending an invitation to the M.C.C. to visit Australia during the 1946/47 season.

Contact had earlier been made between the Australian Board and the M.C.C. regarding such a visit. The M.C.C. had also enquired when an Australian team would visit England.

Mr. R. A. Oxlade of New South Wales, was elected Chairman of the Board of Control for the ensuing year. —Reuter.

## BRADMAN'S DAYS OVER?

Sydney, Oct. 12. — There is talk already in Sydney of the possible return of Don Bradman to Australian cricket and the expected Tests.

A close friend told Reuter, however, "I do not think he will attempt a comeback, because of his business interests in Adelaide and also because he still suffers from occasional attacks of shingles, which caused his discharge from the army." —Reuter.

It is officially announced that Dr. Subasic, Foreign Minister, and Dr. Shutof, Minister without Portfolio, have resigned from the Yugoslav Government. —Reuter.

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